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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. SECRETARY'S VISIT DOMINATED THE MARCH 11 TURKISH PRESS. HEAVY COVERAGE WAS FOCUSED ON THE SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH FONMIN ESENBEL, PRIMIN IRMAK, CHIEF OF TURKISH GENERAL STAFF SANCAR AND REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN ECEVIT, AS WELL AS SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

2. THE PRESS ALSO FEATURED SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT KISSINGER WAS DISCUSSING WITH GOT LEADERSHIP. TERCUMAN REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE. MILLIYET REPORTS THAT BE BROUGHT NO PROPOSALS, BUT IS MAKING SOUNDINGS ON A RETURN TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE. MILLIYET ALSO STATES THAT KISSINGER WAS INFORMED THAT GOT WAS READY TO START TALKS, BUT WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS, AND THAT GOT HAD GIVEN IDEAS ON WHAT WAS NEGOTIABLE.

3. EDITORIAL OPINION ON THE VISIT WAS FAVORABLE. HURRIYET OBSERVED THAT "THE ATMOSPHERE SEEMS MORE FAVORABLE NOW TOWARDS FINDING A SOLUTION...IT APPEARS AS THOUGH

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KSSINGER HAS MADE THE GREEKS ACCEPT THE FAIT ACCOMPLI AND THE THESIS

OF A BILATERAL FEDERATED STATE. IN RETURN FOR THIS HE HOPES
TO MAKE THE TURKISH DE FACTO AREA IN CYPRUS SMALLER. IF THIS
IS DONE HE WILL ADVANCE THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMPTION OF
AMERICAN AID." GUNAYDIN WARNED THAT "FORD AND KISSINGER HAVE TO
MAKE A GREAT EFFORT TO PUSH CONGRESS INTO SEEING FACTS AND TO
CONVINCE IT. OTHERWISE TURKEY WILL SHED SOME OF HER COMMITMENTS."
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